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PROSPECT OF ANOTHER ATTACK ON CHARLESTON.—The transport steamer Arago, Captain Gadsden, arrived yesterday from Port Royal, with news to Sunday, the 26th ult.

Troops are said to be embarking on transports, which are conveying them to various points between Port Royal and Charleston, and it was currently reported in naval circles that a renewed attack on the city would take place on the 3d of May. Considerable shipments of ordnance to the gunboats and Monitors had been made. Strong positions have been taken on Cole's and Folly Islands and also on Kiawah Island. A large force occupied North Edisto. The troops on Folly Island are intrenching. The iron-clad fleet has been fully repaired and is ready for fresh operations. Two of the Monitors are at Port Royal and five are off North Edisto. The Ironsides remains near Charleston bar. The utmost activity prevails on all sides.

By deserters, who have come into the Union camp, it was reported that new obstructions had been placed in Charleston harbor, which would not allow the smallest craft to pass through. The Confederate Secretary of War has been in Charleston since the bombardment and expressed himself satisfied with the arrangements.

In Florida and around Fort Pulaski everything was quiet.—[N. Y. World.]

R. W. Shufeldt, late Consul General at Havana, having been restored to his former rank in the navy—that of commander—has resigned his office of Consul General. Mr. Horatio Perry, who for many years has been the secretary of legation in Spain, has been appointed to succeed him.

Engineer Wood, U. S. navy, has made a proposition to the Secretary of the Navy to the following effect, viz: He offers to take a Monitor up the harbor of Charleston, removing, on his way, any obstructions that may impede the progress of ships. Or, if the department only desires the destruction of Fort Sumter, he will accomplish that. A State Senator of California, who enjoys to a large degree the confidence of engineers, also offers to accompany Mr. Wood on the important expedition named.—The President and Secretary Welles look on the proposition with favor.

The Washington correspondent of the N. Y. Tribune says:—"It is reported that the War Department has been put in possession, through the agency of the McDowell Commission, and by other means, of evidence strongly sustaining, against several officers in the Western armies, the most serious charges, particularly that of having sold their colored servants and other men who have been freed by the President's Proclamation, for cotton or for money. There is talk of dishonorably dismissing these men from the service, without trial.

Dr Dorsey, formerly of Maryland, has been arrested at Indianapolis, on the charge of holding treasonable correspondence.

We learn from the Boston Transcript that Governor Andrew recently commissioned Mr. John Wilder as lieutenant to proceed to Fortress Monroe for the purpose of recruiting a company of blacks for the Massachusetts 54th regiment; the company was promptly raised, when the Secretary of War decided that it should not come North but remain there to man the fort, and thus allow the white troops to go into the field.

The railroad depot at Terre Haute, Ind., was struck by lightning on the 18th instant.—The agent of the road (Mr. Charles Cochran), who was deaf in one ear, was knocked from his seat and rendered for a few minutes insensible. When he recovered, he found his hearing restored.

J. C. F. McNaughton, the bogus "reporter" who, on Tuesday last, had a hearing before Justice Ferguson, and was by that officer dismissed, has been arrested and committed to the Central guard-house in Washington.

Proposals for contracts now are required to be accompanied with the oath of allegiance by the parties in each case, and none will be considered from disloyal parties.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Camden and Amboy Railroad Company the action of the directors in double-tracking their road was unanimously endorsed, and also the contract contemplated between railroad companies forming a line between New York and Washington by which the public will obtain all the advantages arising from a through double-track, and after improvements rendered necessary by present emergencies.

A dispatch from the mail officer on the Anglo Saxon says all the mails are lost; and that 237 lives are lost out of a total of 445 souls.—This terrible disaster, it is said, might have been avoided, but for the refusal of the British government to permit the Associated Press, New York Underwriters, Transatlantic Steamship Companies, and other parties in New York to place one of Daball's powerful air trumpets at Cape Race, which could be distinctly heard in foggy weather from six to ten miles at sea, and would save millions of property and hundreds of lives.

Several persons connected with the publication of Medical Director Letterman's report, showing by arithmetical calculation the entire strength of the Army of the Potomac, were ordered under arrest a few days since for an investigation of the matter, but to-day the parties were released and the matter abandoned.

It is stated in the Cork Examiner that the number of persons who have left Kerry for the U. S., during the last fortnight of March, exceeded all that had emigrated during the two previous years. Almost every morning crowds of persons, principally of the farming class, were seen taking their departure from the railway station, Killarney, on their way to Queens-town for America. "They rush out from the country (says the Examiner) as they would from a contagion."

Every person who owns a foot of earth, or has the lease of a southern wall, whereupon to let a vine creep up, and lets May or June go by without improving the opportunity of doing something for their beautification, should be considered remiss in a very important duty.—No matter if you don't own the house and yard you occupy, still plant flowers, and vines and shrubbery, for your own comfort and for your heart's sake:

Let the flowers look upwards in every place,
Through this beautiful world of ours;
For dear as the smile of an old friend's face,
Is the smile of bright sweet flowers.

Were it not for the war and the absorbing interest it excites, the loss of the Anglo-Saxon would have created a profound commotion throughout the country. Disasters of far less moment have convulsed the community before now; but so habituated have we become to the destruction of life and property that the loss of two hundred and thirty-seven precious lives at sea, and within sight of shore, scarcely excites more comment than a cavalry raid upon a railroad or the bloodless capture of an unimportant village. This latest marine disaster is one of the most serious that has occurred since the use of steamships between England and North America. It is the sixth within ten years.

Peter Dyer, G. C. Powell, Lewis Johnson, Charles and Jas. Follin, J. J. Rochford, Augustus Wreann, and several others of Fairfax County, and James Murray, of Prince William, were yesterday released from the Old Capitol, having taken the oath of allegiance to the United States.

The reception of the Seventh and Eighth Regiments, New York Volunteers, on their return from the war on Tuesday, at New York, was enthusiastic. The friends, relatives and acquaintances of the soldiers turned out in thousands to welcome them home.

Two hundred and seven of the condemned Sioux Indians have been taken from Mankota, Minnesota, to Rock Island, Illinois. The fear of an outbreak among the white inhabitants, who have evinced a strong inclination to execute the prisoners, probably prompted their removal.

A woman was walking in a Philadelphia street the other evening with a box of matches in her pocket, when she fell; the fall ignited the matches; her cloths were set on fire: in her alarm she started to run, thereby fanning the flames, and she became so badly burnt that she soon after died in the hospital.

A young, good looking, and competent servant girl, who is afflicted with the kleptomania, or steals because she can't help it, was arrested at the Girard House, Philadelphia, last week. Her trunks contained three thousand dollars worth of stolen articles including one hundred and forty-six dresses, fifty-seven shawls, and other articles in great variety.

The Supreme Court of Minnesota has decided that the law passed by the Legislature of that State suspending the privilege of all persons who are aiding the rebellion from prosecuting and defending actions in any of the courts, as unconstitutional and void.